

## Action Item

### *California Postsecondary Education Commission*

Legislative Update, June 2003

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This agenda item reports to the Governmental Relations Committee and the Commission about bills introduced in the 2003-04 Legislative Session on issues affecting California postsecondary education. Staff will also provide an oral presentation summarizing actions to date.

This item is organized into four parts:

Part One, pages 1-2, presents a matrix of key bills during the 2003-04 legislative session.

Part Two, pages 3-7, contains a brief summary of each postsecondary education bill listed on the matrix.

Part Three, pages 9-11, lists the members of the legislative committees that will hold hearings on postsecondary education-related bills.

Part Four, page 13, is an index of the bills in this agenda item.

*Recommended Action:* Commission adoption of the recommended positions on bills on the matrix.

*Presenter:* Marge Chisholm.



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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE, JUNE 2003

*A Report to the Governmental  
Relations Committee of the California  
Postsecondary Education Commission*



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# 1 Matrix of Selected Legislation

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This section of the Legislative Update presents a matrix of higher education bills tracked by the Commission during the first half of the 2003-2004 legislative session. It includes the Commission's position on and current status of each bill.

Brief summaries of the bills listed on the matrix can be found in the following section.

## MATRIX 2003-2004 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY BILLS

	Bill Number	Author	Subject	CPEC Position	Policy Committee	Fiscal Committee	Floor Action	Policy Committee	Fiscal Committee	Floor Action	COMMENTS
1.	AB 550	Diaz	Mandatory Systemwide Resident Student Fee Policy	Watch	X	P					Hearing set for 5/21/03 in Assembly Appropriations Committee.
2.	AB 655*	Liu	CPEC, CSAC, BPPVE Consolidation	Support	X	H					Held on Suspense File in Assembly Appropriations Committee.
3.	AB 680*	Liu	Community College Fees	Watch	X	H					Held on Suspense File in Assembly Appropriations Committee.
4.	AB 825	Firebaugh	Cal Grant Program - Transfer Students	Support	X	X	P				Pending consideration on Assembly Floor.
5.	AB 843*	Committee on Higher Education	Mandatory Systemwide Resident Student Fee Policy	Support	X	H					Held on Suspense File in Assembly Appropriations Committee.
6.	AB 1323*	Jackson	Decentralized Campus-Based Approach	Support	X	H					Held on Suspense File in Assembly Appropriations Committee.
7.	AB 1543	Firebaugh	CCC: Nursing Programs - Admissions	Support	X	H					Held in Suspense File in Assembly Appropriations Committee.
8.	AB 1783	Committee on Higher Education	Cross-Enrollment	Support	X	X	P				Pending consideration on Assembly Floor.
9.	ACA 4	Simitian	Taxation: Educational Entities: Parcel Tax	Support	P						Hearing set for 5/20/03 in Assembly Elections, Redistricting & Constitutional Amendments Committee.
10.	ACR 9	Dymally	Revision of the Education Code Relating to Community Colleges	Support if Amended							
11.	SB 6*	Alpert	Public Education Governance (Master Plan)	Watch	X	P					Pending consideration in Senate Appropriations Commission.
12.	SB 76	Denham	California Community College Block Grants	Support	P						Pending consideration in Senate Education Commission.
13.	SB 542*	Murray	CPEC/BPPVE Responsibilities (Master Plan)	Watch	P						Pending consideration in Senate Business and Professions Committee.
14.	SB 680*	McPherson	Cal Grant Program Revisions	Support if Amended	X	X	P				Pending consideration on Senate Floor.
15.	SB 728	Scott	Cal Grant Program - Assumption of Eligibility	Support	X	X	P				Pending consideration on Senate Floor.

X-Action Taken

H-Held in Committee

P-Pending Consideration

F-Failed Passage

\*CPEC Involvement

5/20/03



# Legislative Bill Summaries

- Existing law authorizes the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges to require that mandatory systemwide fees, among other fees, be paid by students at these institutions. This bill would provide that the Regents of the University of California and the Trustees of the California State University bear the primary responsibility for adjusting mandatory systemwide resident student fees at their respective systems. This bill would also provide for a systemwide Student Fee Advisory Committee in each system. The bill contains other related provisions.

- This bill would consolidate the program responsibilities of the Student Aid Commission, the Bureau of Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education and the California Postsecondary Education Commission into the California Higher Education Policy and Finance Commission. The bill contains other related provisions.

- Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law also authorizes community college districts to provide instruction to students, for a fee of \$11 per unit per semester, at community college campuses throughout the state. This bill would increase these fees from \$11 per unit to \$25 per unit over a three-year period. The bill contains other related provisions.

- Existing law establishes the Cal Grant A and B entitlement awards, the California Community College Transfer Entitlement awards, the Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards, the Cal Grant C awards, and the Cal Grant T awards under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, and establishes eligibility requirements for awards under these programs for participating students attending qualifying institutions. This bill would express findings and declarations of the Legislature relating to the opera-

5. Assembly Bill 843 Subject: Mandatory Systemwide Resident  
Author: Committee on Higher Education Student Fee Policy  
Version: 04/09/03

6. Assembly Bill 1323      Subject: Cal Grant Program – Decentralized  
Author: Jackson                Campus-Based Approach  
Version: 04/08/03

7. Assembly Bill 1543      Subject: Community Colleges: Nursing Programs  
Author: Firebaugh                  Version: 04/30/03

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sultation with nursing programs of the California Community Colleges from around the state, to submit, by September 1, 2005, to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature, as well as to each California Community College nursing program, recommendations for standardized admission policies. These recommendations would include prerequisite requirements and methods for allocating slots in oversubscribed programs, to establish a clear statewide admission practice for community college nursing programs.

8. Assembly Bill 1783                      Subject: Cross-Enrollment  
Author: Committee on Higher Education          Version: 04/10/03

Existing law, known as the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of California's public and independent segments of higher education, and their respective institutions of higher education. A provision of the Donahoe Act, which is in effect until January 1, 2004, authorizes any student who is enrolled at any campus of the California Community Colleges, the California State University, or the University of California and who meets certain requirements, to enroll, without formal admission, in a maximum of one course per academic term at a campus of either of the other public segments, on a space available basis at the discretion of the appropriate campus authorities on both campuses. This bill would delete the January 1, 2004, repeal date of this provision, and thereby extend this program indefinitely.

9. Assembly Constitutional Amendment 4      Subject: Taxation:  
Author: Simitian      Educational Entities: Parcel Tax  
Version: 04/29/03

The California Constitution conditions the imposition of a special tax by a city, county, or special district upon the approval of 2/3 of the voters of the city, county, or special district voting on that tax, and prohibits these entities from imposing an ad valorem tax on real property or a transactions or sales tax on the sale of real property. This measure would authorize a school district, community college district, or county office of education, with the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition, to impose a parcel tax, as defined, and would also make conforming changes to related provisions.

10. Assembly Concurrent Resolution 9      Subject: Revision of the Education  
Author: Dymally                              Code Relating to Community Colleges  
Version: 12/09/02

This measure would establish the Joint Committee for the Revision of the Education Code Relating to Community Colleges. The measure would provide for the membership of the joint committee, and would require the appointment of an advisory committee and the submission of a report to the respective chairs of the Assembly Committee on Higher Education

and the Senate Committee on Education on or before April 15, 2004. The existence of the joint committee would terminate on November 30, 2004.

11. Senate Bill 6                      Subject: Public Education Governance  
Author: Alpert                          Version: 05/05/03

This bill encompasses many of the recommendations for governance in public education from the Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan for Education. The bill revises the statutory responsibilities of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the composition and authority of the State Board of Education, the duties of the Postsecondary Education Commission, and the governance structure of the California Community College. The bill contains a number of other related changes.

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| 12. Senate Bill 76 | Subject: Education Finance: California |
| Author: Denham     | Community Colleges                     |
|                    | Version: 03/27/03                      |

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. In the annual Budget Act, funds are appropriated to the board of governors for allocation to community college districts for the support of the operations of these districts. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to effectuate a recommendation of the Legislative Analyst's Office by funding 11 of the categorical programs of the California Community Colleges through 2 block grants in the 2003-04 fiscal year. This bill contains other related provisions.

13. Senate Bill 542                      Subject: Private Postsecondary Education  
Author: Murray                              Version: 04/23/03

This bill would transfer the oversight of private postsecondary degree-granting institutions from the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education to the California Postsecondary Education Commission. It would also transfer the administration of the federally funded Veterans Program which oversees veteran's education opportunities in the State.

14. Senate Bill 680                                      Subject: Cal Grant Program  
Author: McPherson                                      Version: 05/08/03

This bill would require the Student Aid Commission to convene a committee to review the existing formula for calculating high school grade point averages required for Cal Grant Awards. The bill would also require the commission to review the issue of whether the act provides adequate resources for nontraditional, returning, and older adult students, and to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature. The bill contains other related provisions.

15. Senate Bill 728  
Author: Scott

Subject: Cal Grant Program  
Version: 02/21/03

Existing law, known as the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Act, establishes the Cal Grant A and B entitlement programs, the California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Program, and the Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, and establishes eligibility requirements for awards under these programs. This bill would provide that any applicant who qualifies to be considered under the simplified needs test established by federal law for student assistance shall be presumed to meet the asset level requirements established by the act. The bill contains other related provisions.

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## Committee Membership

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**THIS PART of the Legislative Update lists the members of the legislative policy and fiscal committees for higher education.**

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